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Good afternoon Chair Doan,

I'm writing to urge you to adopt the proposed energy code updates, because moving away from natural gas in our buildings is important for addressing the climate crisis and public health. Addressing fossil fuel use in homes is crucial for local governments to meet climate commitments, protect community health and safety, lower costs for builders and tenants, and create a green energy economy that will spur the creation of high-road jobs. The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, which the City of Tumwater has accepted along with our neighbors, includes Strategy B6: convert to cleaner fuel sources. This strategy includes natural gas to electric conversions, electric appliances in new construction, and a natural gas transition. These code updates would ensure that, as we are building new homes, we are doing so sustainably and responsibly in line with our commitments to our community and environment.

Local governments need support from the State Building Code Council to set these standards across the board and make sure that there's an even playing field for cities and counties that take action on climate. Please pass the proposed energy code and help the City of Tumwater retain the trust and progress we've worked hard to build hand-in-hand with our community to create a brighter future in the face of the climate crisis.

Thank you.

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